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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 432 (as amended by House "A")\*

#### ***AN ACT PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A MUNICIPALITY UPON THE RELEASE OF A REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDER INTO SUCH MUNICIPALITY.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to notify a municipal chief executive officer (CEO) when someone required to register as a sex offender (1) is released into the community or notifies DESPP of a change of address and (2) resides or plans to reside in the CEO's municipality. DESPP must email this notice and provide the CEO with the same registry information that DESPP will post publicly on the Internet about the registrant.

The bill also requires DESPP to notify the superintendent of the school district where the registrant resides or plans to reside when a registered sex offender notifies DESPP of an address change. DESPP must provide the same email notice and information described above. By law, DESPP already provides this notice and information to school superintendents when registered sex offenders are released into the community.

\*House Amendment "A" adds the provisions on notice to CEOs and superintendents when a registered sex offender changes his or her address.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Sex Offender Notices***

When it receives registry information, DESPP must enter it in the sex offender registry and notify the local police department or state police troop with jurisdiction where the registrant resides or plans to

reside. If the registrant informed DESPP of his or her employment at or status as a student at a trade, professional, or higher education institution, DESPP must notify the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the institution.

A state agency, the Judicial Branch, a State Police troop, or a local police department can notify any government agency, private organization, or individual of registration information when notice is believed necessary to protect the public or an individual from a registrant (CGS §§ 54-257 and -258).

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

#### Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 40 Nay 0 (04/02/2014)

#### Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (04/25/2014)